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SUBJECT: US/BRAZIL NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY R&D COOPERATION

REF: STATE 110045

1. EMBASSY SCIOFF MET 24 MAY WITH LUIZ ALBERTO DE CASTRO NEVES, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DIVISION OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES, TO DISCUSS STATUS OF REPLIES TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL. MEETING WAS AT CASTRO NEVES' REQUEST.

2. CASTRO NEVES REPORTED THAT THE QUESTIONS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE GOB AGENCIES FOR REPLIES, BUT THAT NONE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AS YET. HE SAID THAT IN THE GOV VIEW, THIS MADE SCHEDULING OF ANY MEETINGS ON THE SUBJECT BEFORE THE END OF JUNE IMPOSSIBLE.

3. CASTRO NEVES ALSO SAID THAT THE GOB DESIRED A MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE SUBGROUP ON ENERGY PRIOR TO A MEETING OF EXPERTS, AND ANTICIPATED THAT AN APPROPRIATE TIME  
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AND PLACE FOR SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE THE SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON. CASTRO NEVES SAID THAT CARLOS AUGUSTO PROENCA ROSA, THE HEAD OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, WOULD BE PREPARED TO HEAD A BRAZILIAN DELEGATION AT THAT TIME. ACCORDING TO CASTRO NEVES, THE BRAZILIAN PREFERENCE FOR A SUBGROUP MEETING PRIOR TO AN EXPERTS MEETING WAS

FIRST RAISED DURING DISCUSSIONS OF NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, AND IT HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED AS THE BRAZILIAN POSITION.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REASONING BEHIND THEIR PREFERENCE FOR A SUBGROUP MEETING PRIOR TO AN EXPERTS MEETING, CASTRO NEVES SAID THE BRAZILIANS FEEL IT NECESSARY TO DISCUSS GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATION AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO AGREEING ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

5. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WISHES TO KEEP A TIGHT POLITICAL REIN ON ENERGY COOPERATION AND IS NOT YET PREPARED TO TURN THE SUBJECT OVER TO EXPERTS. END COMMENT.  
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